

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 454, Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5649–S5766

Measures Introduced: Thirty-four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1081–1114. **Pages S5699–S5701**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 663, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12877 Broad Street in Sparta, Georgia, as the “Yvonne Ingram-Ephraim Post Office Building”.

H.R. 918, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 East 3rd Street in Jamestown, New York, as the “Stan Lundine Post Office Building”.

H.R. 1284, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 West Main Street in McLain, Mississippi, as the “Major Ed W. Freeman Post Office”.

H.R. 1595, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3245 Latta Road in Rochester, New York, as the “Brian K. Schramm Post Office Building”. **Page S5699**

Measures Passed:

Women Airforce Service Pilots Congressional Gold Medal: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 614, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Women Airforce Service Pilots (“WASP”), and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 1200, of a perfecting nature. **Page S5765**

Nuclear Weapons Program Workers National Day of Remembrance: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 151, designating a national day of remembrance on

October 30, 2009, for nuclear weapons program workers, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Measures Considered:

Supplemental Appropriations Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2346, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Adopted:

By 90 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 196), Inouye/Inhofe Amendment No. 1133, to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States. **Pages S5650–58, S5663**

By 92 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 198), McConnell Modified Amendment No. 1136, to limit the release of detainees at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, pending a report on the prisoner population at the detention facility at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay. **Pages S5650, S5681, S5685–87**

By a unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. 199), Brownback Modified Amendment No. 1140, to express the sense of the Senate on consultation with State and local governments in the transfer to the United States of detainees at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. **Pages S5650, S5667–69, S5687**

Withdrawn:

Durbin Amendment No. 1199 (to Amendment No. 1136), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5683**

Pending:

Cornyn Amendment No. 1139, to express the sense of the Senate that the interrogators, attorneys, and lawmakers who tried in good faith to protect the United States and abide by the law should not be prosecuted or otherwise sanctioned. **Page S5650**

Chambliss Amendment No. 1144, to protect the national security of the United States by limiting the immigration rights of individuals detained by

the Department of Defense at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base. **Pages S5658–66**

Isakson Amendment No. 1164, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the application of the homebuyer credit. **Pages S5666–67**

Corker Amendment No. 1173, to provide for the development of objectives for the United States with respect to Afghanistan and Pakistan. **Page S5669**

Lieberman Amendment No. 1156, to increase the authorized end strength for active duty personnel of the Army. **Pages S5669–73**

Graham (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 1157, to provide that certain photographic records relating to the treatment of any individual engaged, captured, or detained after September 11, 2001, by the Armed Forces of the United States in operations outside the United States shall not be subject to disclosure under section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act). **Pages S5673–74**

Kyl/Lieberman Amendment No. 1147, to prohibit funds made available for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to be made available to any person that has engaged in certain activities with respect to the Islamic Republic of Iran. **Pages S5674–75**

Brown Amendment No. 1161, to require the United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund to oppose loans and other programs of the Fund that do not exempt certain spending by the governments of heavily indebted poor countries from certain budget caps and restraints. **Page S5675**

McCain Amendment No. 1188, to make available from funds appropriated by title XI an additional \$42,500,000 for assistance for Georgia. **Pages S5675–76**

Lincoln Amendment No. 1181, to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act with respect to the extension of certain limitations. **Pages S5676–77**

Risch Amendment No. 1143, to appropriate, with an offset, an additional \$2,000,000,000 for National Guard and Reserve Equipment. **Page S5677**

Kaufman Modified Amendment No. 1179, to ensure that civilian personnel assigned to serve in Afghanistan receive civilian-military coordination training that focuses on counterinsurgency and stability operations. **Pages S5677–79, S5690**

Leahy/Kerry Amendment No. 1191, to provide for consultation and reports to Congress regarding the International Monetary Fund. **Pages S5688–89**

Hutchison Amendment No. 1189, to protect auto dealers. **Pages S5680–81, 5689**

Merkley/Whitehouse Amendment No. 1185, to express the sense of the Senate on the use by the Department of Defense of funds in the Act for oper-

ations in Iraq in a manner consistent with the United States-Iraq Status of Forces Agreement. **Pages S5689–90**

Merkley (for DeMint) Amendment No. 1138, to strike the provisions relating to increased funding for the International Monetary Fund. **Page S5690**

Bennet/Casey Amendment No. 1167, to require the exclusion of combat pay from income for purposes of determining eligibility for child nutrition programs and the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children. **Page S5691**

Reid Amendment No. 1201 (to Amendment No. 1167), to change the enactment date. **Page S5691**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9 a.m., on Thursday, May 21, 2009, and that the time until 10 a.m., be equally divided and controlled for debate only between the two Leaders, or their designees; provided that at 10 a.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon; provided further, that the filing deadline for second-degree amendments be 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 21, 2009. **Page S5766**

Conference Reports:

Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act—Conference Report: By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. 197), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany S. 454, to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems. **Pages S5683–85**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, the Majority Leader, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S5649**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, with respect to the stabilization of Iraq; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–20) **Pages S5695–96**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

David J. Hayes, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

Ines R. Triay, of New Mexico, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management). **Page S5765**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Bartholomew Chilton, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2013.

Colin Scott Cole Fulton, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Alejandro N. Mayorkas, of California, to be Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Messages from the House:

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—199)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:21 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2009. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S5766.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of State, after receiving testimony from Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State.

APPROPRIATIONS: FOREST SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Abigail Kimbell, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

MILITARY SPACE PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded open and closed hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and Future Years Defense Program for military space programs, after receiving testimony from Gary E. Payton, Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force for Space Programs, General C. Robert Kehler, USAF, Commander, Air Force Space Command, Lieutenant General Larry D. James, USAF, Commander, 14th Air Force, Air Force Space Command, and Commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Space, Strategic Command, and Vice Admiral Harry B. Harris, Jr., USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Communication Networks, all of the Department of Defense; and Cristina T. Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office.

ACTIVE COMPONENT, RESERVE COMPONENT, AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL PROGRAM BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and Future Years Defense Program for active component, reserve component, and civilian personnel programs, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Michael D. Rochelle, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff G–1, United States Army, Lieutenant General Richard Y. Newton III, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower and Personnel, United States Air Force, Vice Admiral Mark E. Ferguson III, USN, Chief of Naval Personnel, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower, Personnel, Training, and Education, United States Navy, and Lieutenant General Ronald S. Coleman, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, United States Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense; and Colonel Steven P. Strobridge, USAF (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, Dierdre Parke Holleman, Retired Enlisted Association, Master Chief Joseph L. Barnes, USN (Ret.), Fleet Reserve Association, Captain Ike Puzon, USNR (Ret.), Naval Reserve Association and Guard/Reserve Committee, all of The Military Coalition; and Captain Bradley J. Snyder, USA (Ret.), Armed Forces Services Corporation.

TROUBLED ASSET RELIEF PROGRAM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), after receiving testimony from Tim Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 380, to expand the boundaries of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve, with an amendment;

S. 212, to expand the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, with an amendment;

S. 859, to amend the provisions of law relating to the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program;

S. 601, to establish the Weather Mitigation Research Office, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1023, to establish a non-profit corporation to communicate United States entry policies and otherwise promote leisure, business, and scholarly travel to the United States, with an amendment;

S. 38, to establish a United States Boxing Commission to administer the Act;

S. 685, to require new vessels for carrying oil fuel to have double hulls, with an amendment; and

The nominations of J. Randolph Babbitt, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, and John D. Porcari, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of Transportation, Rebecca M. Blank, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, and Lawrence E. Strickling, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, both of the Department of Commerce, Aneesh Chopra, of Virginia, to be Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and routine lists in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee met in closed session to examine financing comprehensive health reform.

STRATEGY FOR SOMALIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine developing a coordinated and sustainable strategy for Somalia, after receiving testimony from Johnnie Carson, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; Ken Menkhaus, Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina; and Shannon Scribner, Oxfam America, Washington, DC.

PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing to examine developments on the ground in Pakistan and Afghanistan from representatives from the Joint Chiefs of Staffs.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Robert Orris Blake, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for South Asian Affairs, and Judith A. McHale, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, both of the Department of State.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for international affairs, after receiving testimony from Hillary R. Clinton, Secretary of State.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 599, to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employee's duty, with an amendment;

S. 629, to facilitate the part-time reemployment of annuitants, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 707, to enhance the Federal Telework Program, with an amendment;

S. 1064, Enhanced Oversight of State and Local Economic Recovery Act, with amendments;

S. 920, to amend section 11317 of title 40, United States Code, to improve the transparency of the status of information technology investments, to require greater accountability for cost overruns on Federal information technology investment projects, to improve the processes agencies implement to manage information technology investments, to reward excellence in information technology acquisition, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 942, to prevent the abuse of Government charge cards;

S. 469, to amend chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, to modify the computation for part-time service under the Civil Service Retirement System;

S. 692, to provide that claims of the United States to certain documents relating to Franklin Delano Roosevelt shall be treated as waived and relinquished in certain circumstances;

H.R. 918, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 East 3rd Street in Jamestown, New York, as the "Stan Lundine Post Office Building";

H.R. 1595, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3245 Latta Road in Rochester, New York, as the “Brian K. Schramm Post Office Building”;

H.R. 663, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12877 Broad Street in Sparta, Georgia, as the “Yvonne Ingram-Ephraim Post Office Building”;

H.R. 1284, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 West Main Street in McLain, Mississippi, as the “Major Ed W. Freeman Post Office”;

The nominations of David Heyman, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Cass R. Sunstein, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Robert M. Groves, of Michigan, to be Director of the Census, Department of Commerce, Marisa J. Demeo, of the District of Columbia, and Florence Y. Pan, of the District of Columbia, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery concluded a hearing to examine the role of Community Development Block Grant Program in disaster recovery, after receiving testimony from Frederick Tombar, Senior Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour, Jackson; Paul Rainwater, Louisiana Recovery Authority, Baton Rouge; Charles S. Stone, State of Texas Office of Rural Community Affairs, and Karen Paup, Texas Low Income Housing Information Service, both of Austin; Dominique Duval-Diop, PolicyLink, and Melanie Ehrlich, Citizens’ Road Home Action Team, both of New Orleans, Louisiana; and Reilly Morse, Mississippi Center for Justice Katrina Recovery Office, Biloxi.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 982, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, with amendments; and

The nominations of Linda A. Puchala, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board, John Q. Easton, of Illinois, to be Director of the Institute of Education Science, Department of Education, and Seth David Harris, of New Jersey, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor.

SECURING THE BORDER AND POINTS OF ENTRY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security concluded a hearing to examine securing the border and America’s points of entry, after receiving testimony from former Representative Hayworth; John P. Torres, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations, David V. Aguilar, Chief, Office of Border Patrol, and Thomas Winkowski, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, all of United States Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Mayor Chad Foster, Eagle Pass, Texas; Richard Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff, El Paso, Texas; Douglas S. Massey, Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton, New Jersey; and Sam F. Vale, Starr-Camargo Bridge Co., Rio Grande City, Texas.

HEALTH CARE FRAUD

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs concluded a hearing to examine criminal prosecution as a deterrent to health care fraud, after receiving testimony from Lanny A. Breur, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Sean Dilweg, Wisconsin State Commissioner of Insurance, Madison; Malcolm K. Sparrow, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Sheri Farrar, Health Care Services Corporation, Chicago, Illinois.

PENSION PLANS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine pension plans, after receiving testimony from Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Rebecca Anne Batts, Inspector General, Vincent K. Snowbarger, Acting Director, and Charles E.F. Millard, former Director, all of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation; and Dallas Salisbury, Employee Benefit Research Institute, Washington, DC.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 2509–2536; 13 resolutions, H.J. Res. 52–53; H. Con. Res. 129–132; and H. Res. 460–462, 465–468 were introduced. **Pages H5890–92**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5892–93**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on S. 454, to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems (H. Rept. 111–124);

H. Res. 463, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (S. 454) to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems (H. Rept. 111–125); and

H. Res. 464, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 915) to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2009 through 2012, to improve aviation safety and capacity, and to provide stable funding for the national aviation system (H. Rept. 111–126).

Pages H5795–H5805

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Larsen (WA) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H5795**

Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009: The House agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 627, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of credit under an open end consumer credit plan. **Pages H5808–15, H5822, H5823–42**

On a division of the question, the House concurred in all but section 512 of the Senate amendment by a recorded vote of 361 ayes to 64 noes, Roll No. 276. **Page H5840**

On a division of the question, the House concurred in section 512 of the Senate amendment by a yea-and-nay vote of 279 yeas to 147 nays, Roll No. 277. **Pages H5841–42**

H. Res. 456, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 247 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 273, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection. **Page H5822**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Monday, May 18th:

Recognizing May 25, 2009, as National Missing Children's Day: H. Res. 297, to recognize May 25, 2009, as National Missing Children's Day, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 423 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 278 and **Pages H5841–42**

Recognizing the roles and contributions of America's teachers to building and enhancing our Nation's civic, cultural, and economic well-being: H. Res. 374, to recognize the roles and contributions of America's teachers to building and enhancing our Nation's civic, cultural, and economic well-being. **Page H5860**

Job Creation Through Entrepreneurship Act of 2009: The House passed H.R. 2352, to amend the Small Business Act, by a yea-and-nay vote of 406 yeas to 15 nays, Roll No. 281.

Pages H5815–21, H5842–63

Agreed to the Capito motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Small Business with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment by a recorded vote of 385 ayes to 41 noes, Roll No. 280. Subsequently, Representative Velázquez reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to. **Pages H5861–62**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Small Business now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the 5-minute rule. **Page H5847**

Agreed to:

Velázquez manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–121) that makes conforming grammatical and technical corrections to the legislation; **Pages H5852–53**

Markey (CO) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–121) that includes cost saving energy usage reductions as an eligible project under section 403(b) management assistance; **Pages H5853–54**

Paulsen amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–121) that requires a study by the Comptroller General to look at the effects of the legislation's efforts for veteran owned businesses. The Comptroller must also include recommendations as to how the Federal government can more effectively serve veteran owned businesses; **Pages H5854–5855**

Bocchieri amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–121) that allows veterans centers to receive grants to develop specialized programs to assist unemployed veterans in becoming entrepreneurs and

adds training for veterans centers to improve outreach to veterans in areas of high unemployment at the Veterans Development Summit; **Page H5855**

Himes amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 111–121) that requires the Small Business Administrator to establish and carry out a “Microenterprise Training Center Program” for the purpose of providing low-income and unemployed individuals with training and counseling with respect to starting a microenterprise; **Pages H5855–56**

Murphy (NY) amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–121) that increases the grant sizes for “initial grants” and “growth funding grants” for each veterans business center by \$50,000 per year per center to \$200,000 and \$150,000 respectively. In addition, the amendment increases the authorized appropriations to carry out this subsection by \$2,000,000 each per year to \$12,000,000 in fiscal year 2010 and \$14,000,000 in fiscal year 2011; **Pages H5857–58**

Nye amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 111–121) that adds a new title (Military Entrepreneurs Program) to require the Small Business Administration to establish and carry out a program to provide business counseling and entrepreneurial development assistance to members of the Armed Forces to facilitate the development of small business concerns. The amendment establishes a liaison to facilitate outreach to members of the Armed Forces with respect to business counseling and entrepreneurial development assistance; **Pages H5858–59**

Schauer amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 111–121) that creates a new section and authorizes funding for small business development centers to assist small manufacturers that are transitioning into growth sectors; and **Page H5859**

Kratovil amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 111–121) that establishes a Rural Entrepreneurship Advisory Council within the Small Business Administration, comprised of appropriate officials from the SBA, the rural development programs of the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Commerce and of representatives from the academic, small business, agriculture, and high-tech communities. The council is tasked with providing a report to Congress on rural entrepreneurship, and to provide ongoing advice and recommendations to foster rural entrepreneurs (by a recorded vote of 427 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 279). **Pages H5856–57, H5860–61**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H5863**

H. Res. 457, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 247 yeas to 175 noes, Roll No. 275, after agreeing to

order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 175 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 274. **Pages H5822–23**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:06 p.m. and reconvened at 5:17 p.m. **Page H5860**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the stabilization of Iraq is to continue in effect beyond May 22, 2009—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–42). **Page H5865**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H5795, H5871.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5822, H5822–23, H5823, H5840, H5841, H5841–42, H5860–61, H5861–62 and H5862–63. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert Gates, Secretary; ADM Michael Mullen, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Robert Hale, Comptroller.

FINANCIAL SERVICES GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services, General Government, and Related Agencies held a hearing on OMB. Testimony was heard from Peter Orszag, Director, OMB.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Air Force Budget. Testimony was heard from GEN Norton A. Schwartz, USAF, Chief of Staff, Department of Defense.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs held a hearing on U.S. Agency for International Development, Millennium Challenge Corporation, and on Office of Global AIDS Coordinator. Testimony was heard from Alonzo Fullgham, Acting Administrator,

Chief Operating Officer, U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State; Rodney Bent, Acting Administrator, Millennium Challenge Corporation; and Tom Walsh, Acting Deputy U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator and Chief of Staff.

TRANSPORTATION, HUD APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Member Requests. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—AIR FORCE MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for Air Force Modernization Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: David G. Ahern, Director, Portfolio Systems Acquisition, Office of the Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics; LTG Daniel J. Darnell, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Air, Space and Information Operations, Plans and Requirement, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force; LTG Mark D. Shackelford, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Air Space and Information Operations, Plans and Requirement, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force; and LTG Raymond E. Johns, Jr., USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Strategic Plans and Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force; and Michael J. Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO.

PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Another Crossroads? Professional Military Education Twenty Years after the Goldwater-Nichols Act and the Skelton Panel. Testimony was heard from following officials of the Department of Defense: Janet Breslin-Smith, Retired Professor and Department Head, National War College; and Alexander Cochran, Historical Advisor to the Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Military Services' Operations and Maintenance Funding. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: GEN Peter W. Chiarelli, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; ADM Patrick M. Walsh, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. Navy; GEN James F. Amos, USMC, Assistant Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps; and GEN William M. Fraser III, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for Department of Defense Science and Technology Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Alan Shaffer, Principal Deputy Director, Defense Research and Engineering, Office of the Secretary; Thomas H. Killion, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Research and Technology U.S. Army; RADM Nevin P. Carr, Jr., USN, Chief of Naval Research, Director, Test and Evaluation and Technology Requirements, U.S. Navy; Terry Jaggars, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Air Force, Science, Technology and Engineering, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Acquisition, U.S. Air Force; and Robert F. Leheny, Acting Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

ADMINISTRATION'S EDUCATION AGENDA

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on The Obama Administration's Education Agenda. Testimony was heard from Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education.

AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY AND SECURITY ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Continued mark up of H.R. 2454 American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009.

Will continue tomorrow.

CREDIT UNION SHARE INSURANCE STABILIZATION ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled "H.R. 2351, Credit Union Share Insurance Stabilization Act." Testimony was heard from Michael E. Fryzel, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; George Reynolds, Chairman, Senior Deputy Commissioner, Department of Banking and Finance, State of Georgia; and public witnesses.

PAKISTAN AID/STATE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 1886, Pakistan Enduring Assistance and Cooperation Enhancement Act of 2009; and H.R. 2410, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; FBI OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1741, amended, Witness Security and Protection Grant Program Act of 2009; and H.R. 2247, Congressional Review Act Improvements Act.

The Committee also held an oversight hearing on the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Testimony was

heard from Robert Mueller, Director, FBI, Department of Justice.

INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION 61ST MEETING OVERSIGHT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held an oversight hearing on advance of the 61st meeting of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) to be held in Madeira, Portugal June 22–26. Testimony was heard from William T. Hogarth, U.S. Commissioner, International Whaling Commission; and public witnesses.

STATE AND LOCAL PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled “State and Local Pandemic Preparedness.” Testimony was heard from Daniel M. Sosin, M.D., Director, Coordinating Office, Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Guthrie Birkhead, M.D., Deputy Commissioner, Public Health, Department of Health, State of New York; and public witnesses.

IMPACT OF CURRENT COST CUTTING EFFORTS ON POSTAL SERVICES OPERATIONS AND NETWORK

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia held a hearing on “Nip and Tuck: The Impact of Current Cost Cutting Efforts on Postal Service Operations and Network.” Testimony was heard from William P. Galligan, Senior Vice President, Operations, U.S. Postal Service; John Waller, Director, Office of Accountability and Compliance, Postal Regulatory Commission; Phillip Herr, Director, Physical Infrastructure, GAO; and public witnesses.

FAA REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by a non-record vote, a rule providing for one hour of general debate on H.R. 915, FAA Reauthorization Act of 2009, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, modified by the amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for purpose of further amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all

points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part C of the Rules Committee report. Amendments so printed may be offered only in the order printed in the Committee report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by a proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against such amendments except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit the bill with or without instructions.

Section 2 of the rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Transportation is authorized to file a supplemental report to accompany H.R. 915. Testimony was heard from Chairman Oberstar and Representatives Costello, Ackerman, Cleaver, Cuellar, Minnick, Mica, Schock, Smith of Nebraska, Petri, Frelinghuysen and Garrett.

CONFERENCE REPORT—WEAPONS SYSTEMS ACQUISITION REFORM ACT OF 2009

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by a non-record vote, a rule providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany S. 454, the “Weapons Acquisition System Reform Through Enhancing Technical Knowledge and Oversight Act of 2009.”

The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration and provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the conference report to such time as may be designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Skelton and Representative McHugh.

HEROES OF SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Heroes of Small Business.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AVIATION CONSUMER ISSUES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Aviation Consumer Issues: Emergency Contingency Planning and Outlook for Summer Travel. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Christa Fornarotto, Acting Assistant Secretary, Aviation and International Affairs; Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General; and Nancy LoBue, Acting Assistant Administrator, Aviation Policy, Planning, and Environment, FAA; and public witnesses.

PIRACY AGAINST U.S. FLAGGED VESSELS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Piracy Against U.S.-Flagged Vessels: Lessons Learned. Testimony was heard from RADM Brian Salerno, USCG, Assistant Commander, Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship, Department of Homeland Security; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Ed Frothingham, Principal Director, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Counternarcotics and Global Threats, Department of Defense, and public witnesses.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from Dennis Blair, Director, Office of National Intelligence; and James R. Clapper, Jr., Under Secretary, Intelligence, Department of Defense.

Joint Meetings**ECONOMIC IMPACT OF GLOBAL DEMAND ON OIL**

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine oil and the economy, focusing on the impact of rising global demand on the United States recovery, after receiving testimony from Daniel Yergin, Chairman, IHS Cambridge Energy Research Associates, Washington, DC.; and James D. Hamilton, University of California, San Diego.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
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(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the National Institutes of Health, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Missile Defense Agency, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 11 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Food and Drug Administration, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Government Accountability Office, the Government Printing Office, and the Congressional Budget Office, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010

and the Future Years Defense Program for the Department of the Air Force, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of Peter M. Rogoff, of Virginia, to be Federal Transit Administrator, Department of Transportation, Francisco J. Sanchez, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, Sandra Brooks Henriquez, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public and Indian Housing, and Michael S. Barr, of Michigan, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Financial Institutions, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance, to hold hearings to examine health and product safety issues associated with imported drywall, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for NASA, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Economic Development Administration, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine The United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine a new strategy for Afghanistan and Pakistan, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine financial regulatory lessons from abroad, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine executive branch authority to acquire trust lands for Indian tribes, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 417, to enact a safe, fair, and responsible state secrets privilege Act, S. 257, to amend title 11, United States Code, to disallow certain claims resulting from high cost credit debts, S. 448 and H.R. 985, bills to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, the nominations of Thomas E. Perez, of Maryland, to be Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, David F. Hamilton, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Andre M. Davis, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, and committee's subcommittee assignments, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine the role of small business in stimulus contracting, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: business meeting to markup pending legislation, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stephen Woolman Preston, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Robert S. Litt, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review low carbon fuel standard proposals, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on FDA, 10 a.m., 2362a Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Defense Health Program, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA): Nuclear Nonproliferation and Weapons, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services, General Government and Related Agencies, on Treasury Department, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on U.S. Geological Survey, 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for Army Acquisition, Reset, and Modernization Programs, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request on Military Personnel Overview, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for National Security Space and Missile Defense Programs, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the State of the Economy, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on Increasing Student Aid Through Loan Reform, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to continue mark up of H.R. 2454, American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "The Section 8 Voucher Reform Act," 2:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism, executive, briefing on piracy, 10 a.m., 311-B Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, hearing on Military and Overseas Voting: Obstacles and Potential Solutions, 10 a.m., 1539 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, hearing on Ramifications of Auto Industry Bankruptcies, 12 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on Unfairness in Federal Cocaine Sen-

tencing: Is it time to Crack the 100 to 1 Disparity? and to consider the following bills: H.R. 1459, Fairness in Cocaine Sentencing Act of 2009; H.R. 1466, Major Drug Trafficking Prosecution Act of 2009; H.R. 265, Drug Sentencing Reform and Cocaine Kingpin Trafficking Act of 2009; H.R. 2178, Crack-Cocaine Equitable Sentencing Act of 2009; and H.R. 18, Powder-Crack Cocaine Penalty Equalization Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, oversight hearing on the Future of the Forest Economy, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, oversight hearing entitled "The Future of the V-22 Osprey: Costs, Capabilities, and Challenges," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives, hearing entitled "Stakeholders' Views on the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 2200, Transportation Security Administration Authorization Act, 1 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Regulations and Healthcare, hearing entitled "Impacts of Outstanding Regulatory Policy on Small Biofuels Producers and Family Farmers," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1522, United States Cadet Nurse Corps Equity Act; H.R. 1982, Veterans Entitlement to Service (VETS) Act of 2009, and H.R. 2270, Benefits for Qualified World War II Veterans Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1037, Pilot College Work Study Programs for Veterans Act of 2009; H.R. 1098, Veterans Worker Retraining Act of 2009; H.R. 1168, Veterans Retraining Act of 2009; H.R. 1172, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the Internet website of the Department of Veterans Affairs a list of organizations that provide scholarships to veterans and their survivors; H.R. 1821, Equity for Injured Veterans Act of 2009; H.R. 1879, National Guard Employment Protection Act of 2009; and H.R. 2180, To amend title 38, United States Code, to waive housing loan fees for certain veterans with service-connected disabilities called to active service, 1 p.m., 340 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on issues involving tax-exempt and taxable government bonds, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Committee, executive, briefing on Executive Overview, 2 p.m., 304-HVC.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Thursday, May 21

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, May 21

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2346, Supplemental Appropriations Act, and after a period of debate, vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 10 a.m.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 915—FAA Reauthorization Act of 2009 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of the conference report to accompany S. 454—Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act of 2009 (Subject to a Rule).

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